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Please amend paragraph [0043] as follows:

--In accordance with another aspect of the invention, the hand-operated clutch release assembly 12 operates in response to a tensile force generated by the squeezed release lever 14 and applied to a cable 90 (FIG. 7) attached thereto by one of its ends. The other end of the cable 90 is detachably retained into a release lever 92 by a cable retention assembly. Different configurations of the cable retention assembly can be utilized within the scope of this invention including, for example, Indian Motorcycle. As a result of the tension force applied by the cable 90, the opposite end 98 of the release lever 92 pivots on a pivot pin 96 and subsequently pulls on piston 100. To effectively transmit the tensile force generated by the cable 90 to the piston 100, the end 98 of the lever 92 has an opening 106 sized to allow a threaded proximal end 108 of a shaft 110, which is coupled to the piston 100, to go through the opening 106 and be secured by a washer 102 and a nut cap 104. The shaft 110 is inserted through an opening in an outer primary case cover 1010 of the clutch. Due to the rigid connection between the lever 92 and the shaft 110, the latter transfers the tensile force through a throw out bearing to a clutch pressure plate 112 upsetting the [[a]] clutch pressure plate 112 by overcoming the pressure of the clutch spring pack 520 (FIG. 10) and releasing the clutch.--